

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (*Previously Presented*) A garment for protecting a person's upper body portion, said garment comprising:

a section made of a material resistant to abrasion, said section being adapted to cover a majority of the back and to extend over a zone of the shoulders of the person's upper body;

the abrasion-resistant material further having had a hydrophilic treatment for transferring moisture from an inner surface of the garment to an outer surface of the garment.

Claim 2. (*Previously Presented*) A garment for protecting the upper body according to claim 1, wherein:

the abrasion-resistant material is a woven material.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein the abrasion-resistant material is extensible along at least one direction.

Claim 4. (*Canceled*)

Claim 5. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, further comprising a highly aerated material in an area of an axillary zone.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 5, wherein the material of the axillary zone has had an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) A garment for protecting ~~the upper portion of the body according to claim 6, wherein~~ a person's upper body portion, said garment comprising:

a section made of a material resistant to abrasion, said section being adapted to cover a majority of the back and to extend over a zone of the shoulders of the person's upper body;

the abrasion-resistant material further having had a hydrophilic treatment for transferring moisture from an inner surface of the garment to an outer surface of the garment;

a highly aerated material in an area of an axillary zone, said highly aerated material of the axillary zone comprising having had an antibacterial treatment said highly aerated material of the axillary zone comprising ~~the material of the axillary zone comprises~~ silver threads.

Claim 8. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein other portions of the garment are made of a material having perspiration draining and evacuation capabilities.

Claim 9. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein:

said section of the garment adapted to cover a majority of the wearer's back comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the zone of the shoulders through the entire length of the garment.

Claim 10. (*Previously Presented*) A garment comprising:

a body portion comprising at least one section adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer;

said body portion further comprising at least one additional section in addition to said one section;

sleeves extending from said body portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the wearer's arms;

said section of said body portion comprising an abrasion-resistant material, said abrasion-resistant material further comprising a hydrophilic treatment;

said additional section comprising a material different from said abrasion-resistant material.

Claim 11. (*Canceled*)

Claim 12. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises polyester.

Claim 13. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises a woven material.

Claim 14. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises a material including woven polyester fibers.

Claim 15. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said section of said body portion adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the shoulder area through a majority of a length of the garment.

Claim 16. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 15, wherein:

said section of said body portion adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the shoulder area through the entire length of the garment.

Claim 17. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said sleeves are not made of said abrasion-resistant material.

Claim 18. (*Canceled*)

Claim 19. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said garment comprises arm sections adapted to extend along the sleeves, beneath at least a portion of the wearer's arms and at least a portion of a torso of the wearer, said arm sections comprising an aerated material.

Claim 20. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 19, wherein:

said arm sections comprise an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 21. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 19, wherein:

said arm sections comprise antibacterial fibers.

Claim 22. (*Previously Presented*) A garment comprising:

a body portion comprising at least one section adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer, said section comprising a first material;

said body portion further comprising a second section adapted to cover a front of the wearer's torso, said section comprising a second material different from said first material;

sleeves extending from said body portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the wearer's arms, said sleeves comprising at least respective portions made of a third material different from said first material;

said first material being an abrasion-resistant material;

said second material being an aerated material.

Claim 23. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:

said third material is an aerated material.

Claim 24. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 23, wherein:

said third material is an aerated material having an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 25. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:

said first material comprises a woven material.

Claim 26. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:

said first material comprises a woven material including polyester fibers.

Claim 27. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:

said first material of said one section of said body portion extends downwardly from the shoulder area through the entire length of the garment.

Claim 28. (*Previously Presented*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 25, wherein:

the woven material is extensible along at least one direction.

Claim 29. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein said abrasion-resistant material is a woven material comprising polyester fibers.

Claim 30. (*Previously Presented*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:
at least a portion of each of said sleeves comprises an aerated material.

Claim 31. (*New*) A garment for protecting the upper body according to claim 1, wherein:

said section made of a material resistant to abrasion comprises a single piece of material that extends from the back, over a top of the zone of the shoulders, and downwardly along at least a front portion, there being no stitches in the top of the zone of the shoulders.

Claim 32. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said section of said body portion adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer includes no stitches in a top of the shoulder area of said section.

Claim 33. (*New*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:

said section adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer includes no stitches in a top of the shoulder area of said section.